

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fixture guard ~~panel~~ system for protecting a fixture, comprising:
  - ~~an enclosure~~ a fixture guard floor panel comprising:
    - a first side made of ~~a first~~ flexible material and a second side made of ~~the first~~ flexible material with the first side facing away from a bottom of the fixture when the fixture guard ~~panel~~ system is positioned on the fixture;
    - an inner layer comprising padding that is disposed within the ~~enclosure~~ first and second sides of the fixture guard floor panel;
    - an opening through the ~~enclosure~~ first side, second side, and the inner layer of the fixture guard floor panel;
    - a flap with a first edge attached to the first material of the fixture guard floor panel such that the flap covers the opening, the flap having a size and shape that completely covers the opening while overhanging onto the second side such that the flap rests between the second side and the fixture when the fixture guard system is positioned on the fixture; and
    - a fastener between a second edge of the flap and the enclosure, wherein the flap comprises a flexible material and wherein the fastener comprises a hook and loop fastener; and
  - a plurality of fixture guard side panels, each having an outer edge that is attached to a corresponding outer edge of the fixture guard floor panel, the plurality of fixture guard side panels extending away from the bottom of the fixture when the fixture guard system is positioned on the fixture.
2. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 1, wherein the first side and the second side of the fixture guard floor panel are hemmed together at one or more edges ~~to form the enclosure~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 1, wherein the first side and the second side are a plastic.

4. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 3, wherein the plastic is woven polyethylene.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 1, wherein the padding is foam.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 1, further comprising:

an adhesive layer that is attached to the second side of the ~~enclosure~~ fixture guard floor panel and that adheres to a surface of the fixture when the fixture guard ~~panel~~ system is positioned on the fixture.

11. (Currently Amended) A fixture guard ~~panel~~ system for protecting a fixture, comprising:
- a fixture guard floor panel comprising:
    - a first sheet of ~~a first~~ flexible material;
    - a second sheet of ~~a second~~ flexible material;
    - a padding layer that is disposed between the first sheet and the second sheet, and wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the padding layer;
    - an opening through the first sheet, the padding layer, and the second sheet;
    - and
    - a flap with a first edge attached to the first sheet such that the flap covers the opening, the flap comprising a top sheet of flexible material, a bottom sheet of flexible material, and a padding layer that is disposed between the top sheet and the bottom sheet, and wherein the top sheet and the bottom sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the padding layer of the flap; and
  - a plurality of fixture guard side panels, each having an outer edge that is attached to a corresponding outer edge of the fixture guard floor panel, the plurality of fixture guard side panels extending away from a plane defined by the fixture guard floor panel.
12. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 11, wherein the second sheet comprises a non-skid layer that abuts a surface of the fixture when the fixture guard floor panel is positioned on the fixture.
13. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 11, wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are hemmed together at the one or more edges.
14. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 11, wherein the first sheet is a plastic.
15. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 14, wherein the

plastic is woven polyethylene.

16. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 11, further comprising stitching between the padding layer and the first sheet.

17. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 11, wherein the padding layer is foam.

18. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 11, further comprising a fastener between a second edge of the flap and the first sheet.

19. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 18, wherein the flap comprises flexible material.

20. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard ~~panel~~ system of claim 18, wherein the fastener comprises a hook and loop fastener.

21. (Currently Amended) A fixture guard panel for protecting a fixture, comprising:  
an enclosure made of at least one flexible sheet of material;  
a padding layer within the enclosure;  
an adhesive layer that is attached to the enclosure and that adheres to a surface of the fixture when the fixture guard panel is positioned on the fixture;  
stitching that attaches the adhesive layer to the flexible sheet of material;  
an opening through the enclosure; and  
a flap with a first edge attached to the flexible sheet of material such that the flap covers the opening, the first edge being attached to the flexible sheet of material by a sewn hem, the flap having a size and shape that completely covers the opening while overhanging onto the enclosure such that the flap rests between the enclosure and the fixture when the fixture guard panel is positioned on the fixture, the flap comprising a top sheet of flexible material, a bottom sheet of flexible material, and a padding layer that is disposed between the top sheet and the bottom sheet, and wherein the top sheet and the bottom sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the padding layer of the flap.
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard panel of claim 21, wherein the flexible sheet of material is a plastic.
24. (Original) The fixture guard panel of claim 23, wherein the plastic is woven polyethylene.
25. (Original) The fixture guard panel of claim 24, further comprising stitching between the enclosure and the padding.
26. (Previously Presented) The fixture guard panel of claim 21, further comprising a fastener between a second edge of the flap and the flexible sheet of material.
27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard panel of claim ~~[[27]]~~ 26, wherein the fastener comprises a hook and loop fastener.

29. (Currently Amended) A fixture guard system for protecting a fixture, comprising:
- a ~~first~~ fixture guard top panel comprising a flexible material that is adjacent and in contact with a first surface of a fixture along a complete length and width of the first ~~fixture guard panel~~, the fixture guard top panel defining a first plane and further defining outer edges and an opening having inner edges, the fixture guard top panel comprising a first sheet and a second sheet joined at the outer edges and the inner edges and a padding layer between the first and second sheets;
  - a ~~second~~ fixture guard front panel comprising a flexible material that is adjacent and in contact with a second surface of a fixture along a complete length and width of the fixture guard front panel, wherein the flexible material of the second fixture guard panel comprises a non-skid, non-adhesive material that is a different material than the flexible material of the first fixture guard panel, the fixture guard front panel defining a second plane that is perpendicular to the first plane; and
  - a fixture guard floor panel that is adjacent a floor surface of the fixture, the fixture guard floor panel including a third padding layer that is disposed between a fifth sheet and a sixth sheet, wherein the fifth sheet and the sixth sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the third padding layer, the fixture guard floor panel defining a third plane that is parallel to the first plane and further defining outer edges;
  - a plurality of fixture guard side panels, each side panel being adjacent a side of the fixture and each side panel including a top outer edge and a bottom outer edge;
  - a plurality of fixture guard rim panels that are adjacent vertical rim surfaces of the fixture, each of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels including a second padding layer that is disposed between a third sheet and a fourth sheet, wherein the third sheet and the fourth sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the second padding layer, each of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels defining a plane perpendicular to the first plane and extending upward from the first plane and further defining outer edges;
  - a first junction between an outer edge of the first fixture guard top panel and second an outer edge of the fixture guard front panel to allow the first fixture guard top panel and second fixture guard front panel to move relative to one another;
  - a second junction between the top outer edge of each side panel and an inner edge of the opening defined by the fixture guard top panel;

a third junction between the bottom outer edge of each side panel and an outer edge of the fixture guard floor panel;

a fourth junction between an outer edge of the fixture guard top panel and an outer edge of a first of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels to allow the fixture guard top panel and the first fixture guard rim panel to move relative to one another;

a fifth junction between an outer edge of the fixture guard top panel and an outer edge of a second of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels to allow the fixture guard top panel and the second fixture guard rim panel to move relative to one another; and

a sixth junction between an outer edge of the first fixture guard rim panel and an outer edge of the second fixture guard rim panel to allow the first and second fixture guard rim panels to move relative to one another.

30. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 29, wherein the first junction allows for rotation of the ~~first~~ fixture guard top panel relative to the ~~second~~ fixture guard front panel.

31. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 29, wherein the ~~first~~ fixture guard top panel includes an adhesive layer that adheres to a surface of the fixture when the ~~first~~-fixture guard top panel is positioned on the fixture.

32. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 31, further comprising stitching that attaches the adhesive layer to the ~~first~~-fixture guard top panel.

33. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 10, wherein the flexible material of the fixture guard floor panel is a plastic.

34. (Original) The fixture guard system of claim 33, wherein the plastic is a high density woven polyethylene with a low density polyethylene coating.

35. (Cancelled)



36. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 29, further comprising:  
an opening through the ~~first~~-fixture guard floor panel;  
a flap with a first edge attached to the ~~first~~ fixture guard floor panel such that the flap covers the opening; and  
a fastener between a second edge of the flap and the ~~first~~ fixture guard floor panel.
37. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 36, wherein the flap comprises ~~the flexible~~ a material of the first sheet of the fixture guard floor panel.
38. (Original) The fixture guard system of claim 36, wherein the fastener comprises a hook and loop fastener.

39. (Currently Amended) A fixture guard system for protecting a fixture, comprising:  
a ~~first~~ fixture guard top panel ~~comprising a flexible material~~ that is adjacent a ~~first~~ top surface of a fixture, the ~~first top~~ fixture guard panel including a padding layer that is disposed between a first sheet and a second sheet, and wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the padding layer, and the fixture guard top panel defining a first plane and further defining outer edges and an opening having inner edges;

a ~~second~~ fixture guard front panel ~~comprising a flexible material~~ that is adjacent a ~~second front~~ surface of the fixture, the fixture guard front panel including a second padding layer that is disposed between a third sheet and a fourth sheet, wherein the third sheet and the fourth sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the second padding layer, the fixture guard front panel defining a second plane perpendicular to the first plane and further defining outer edges;

a fixture guard floor panel that is adjacent a floor surface of the fixture, the fixture guard floor panel including a third padding layer that is disposed between a fifth sheet and a sixth sheet, wherein the fifth sheet and the sixth sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the third padding layer, the fixture guard floor panel defining a third plane that is parallel to the first plane and further defining outer edges;

a plurality of fixture guard side panels, each side panel being adjacent a side of the fixture and each side panel including a top outer edge and a bottom outer edge;

and

a first junction between ~~the~~ an outer edge of the first fixture guard top panel and an outer edge of the ~~second~~ fixture guard front panel to allow the ~~first~~ fixture guard top panel and ~~second~~ fixture guard front panel to move relative to one another[[,]] ;

a second junction between the top outer edge of each side panel and an inner edge of the opening defined by the fixture guard top panel; and

a third junction between the bottom outer edge of each side panel and an outer edge of the fixture guard floor panel;

wherein each of the first, second, and third junctions comprise ~~comprises~~ a hem wherein the first sheet of the first fixture guard panel is a plastic and wherein the second sheet of the first fixture guard panel is a non-skid material other than plastic.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 39, wherein the hem is formed by one of stitching, a heat weld, or an ultrasonic weld.

42. (Original) The fixture guard system of claim 39, wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are a plastic.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 43, wherein the first sheet of the ~~second~~ fixture guard floor panel is plastic and the second sheet of the ~~second~~ fixture guard floor panel is a non-skid material.

45. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) A fixture guard system for protecting a fixture, comprising:

a first fixture guard top panel consisting of a padding layer that is adjacent a first top surface of the fixture, the first fixture guard panel including a padding layer that is disposed between a first sheet and a second sheet, and wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the padding layer, and the fixture guard top panel defining a first plane and further defining outer edges and an opening having inner edges;

a plurality of ~~second~~ fixture guard rim panels that [[is]] are adjacent a ~~second~~ vertical rim surfaces of the fixture, each of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels including a second padding layer that is disposed between a third sheet and a fourth sheet, wherein the third sheet and the fourth sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the second padding layer, each of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels defining a plane perpendicular to the first plane and extending upward from the first plane and further defining outer edges;

a fixture guard floor panel that is adjacent a floor surface of the fixture, the fixture guard floor panel including a third padding layer that is disposed between a fifth sheet and a sixth sheet, wherein the fifth sheet and the sixth sheet are joined at one or more edges to contain the third padding layer, the fixture guard floor panel defining a third plane that is parallel to the first plane and further defining outer edges;

a plurality of fixture guard side panels, each side panel being adjacent a side of the fixture and each side panel including a top outer edge and a bottom outer edge;

and

a first junction between an outer edge of the first fixture guard top panel and an outer edge of a first of the ~~second~~ plurality of fixture guard rim panels to allow the first fixture guard top panel and ~~second~~ the first fixture guard rim panel to move relative to one another;

a second junction between an outer edge of the fixture guard top panel and an outer edge of a second of the plurality of fixture guard rim panels to allow the fixture guard top panel and the second fixture guard rim panel to move relative to one another;

a third junction between an outer edge of the first fixture guard rim panel and an

outer edge of the second fixture guard rim panel to allow the first and second fixture guard rim panels to move relative to one another;

a fourth junction between the top outer edge of each side panel and an inner edge of the opening defined by the fixture guard top panel; and

a fifth junction between the bottom outer edge of each side panel and an outer edge of the fixture guard floor panel.

46. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 45, wherein the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth junctions comprise ~~comprises~~ a hem.

47. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 45, wherein the second ~~panel~~ sheet comprises a plastic sheet.

48. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The fixture guard system of claim 45, wherein the second ~~panel~~ sheet comprises a non-skid sheet.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Withdrawn) The fixture guard system of claim 49, wherein the first sheet is plastic and the second sheet is a non-skid material.